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| CATADMIN | ECJ38 | 202331Z JUL 98 | SYSTEM | (PLA) |
| CATADM1 | ECJ38 | 202331Z JUL 98 | SYSTEM | (PLA) |
| ASMUS | ECJS | 202331Z JUL 98 | SYSTEM | (PLA) |
| ETCC | ECJ3 | 202331Z JUL 98 | SYSTEM | (PLA) |
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 RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC//AF/XOXJ/DPDF//
 RUEACMC/CMC WASHINGTON DC//PLJMHM1//
 RUCJACC/USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL//CCDC/CCJI//
 RUFGNOA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE//ECDC/ECJ1//
 RUEADWD/CSA WASHINGTON DC//DAMO/JACO/TAPC-PDA//
 RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC//N3/N5C/NO9B33//
 RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC//AF/XOXJ/DPXEQ//
 RUEACMC/CMC WASHINGTON DC//PLJMHM1//
 .INFO RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//ASD:FMP//
 .INFORUCBACM/USCINACOM NORFOLK VA//JO1/J1//
 RHHMUNA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//JO1/J1//
 RUMIASA/USCINCSO MIAMI FL//SCDC/SCJ1//
 RUPEUNA/USCINCSpace PETERSON AFB CO//UD/J1//
 RUCJAAA/USCINCSOC MACDILL AFB FL//SODC/SOJ1//
 RUCUSTR/USCINSTRAT OFFUTT AFB NE//J001/J100//
 RHCUAAA/USCINTRANS SCOTT AFB IL//TCDC/J1//
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SUBJ./AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL FOR OPERATIONS:
 MARITIME INTERCEPT OPERATIONS (MIO), VIGILANT SENTINEL (OVS) AND
 NORTHERN WATCH (ONW) //

POC/SOARES/MR./JOINT STAFF J-1/LOC:PENTAGON/TEL:DSN 224-6465//

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1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THREE OPERATIONS IN SOUTHWEST ASIA THAT ARE
 ADDED TO OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH(OSW)FOR AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES
 EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL(AFEM). THE OPERATIONS BEING ADDED ARE:
 OPERATIONS MIO (FROM 1 DEC 1995 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED); OVS
 (FROM 1 DECEMBER 1995 TO 15 FEBRUARY 1997); AND ONW (FROM 1 JANUARY
 1997 THROUGH A DATE TO BE DETERMINED). THEREFORE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF
 AWARDED THE AFEM, THESE FOUR OPERATIONS ARE CONSIDERED ONE
 OPERATION. THE NEXT REVISION OF THE DOD 1348.33 MANUAL WILL REFLECT

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THIS AFEM AS: IRAQ (OSW, MIO, OVS, & ONW).

2. THE AFEM FOR OSW, MIO, OVS, AND ONW IS AWARDED TO US MILITARY FORCES DEPLOYED IN, OR IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF OSW, MIO, OVS, & ONW AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW, WITHIN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY(AOE). TOTAL LAND AREA AND AIR SPACE OF SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, AND IRAQ, AND THE WATERS AND AIRSPACE ABOVE THAT PORTION OF THE ARABIAN GULF (PERSIAN GULF) THAT LIES WEST OF 056 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE. INDIVIDUALS SERVING ABOARD VESSELS IN THE RED SEA IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF MIO ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE.

3. AWARD RECIPIENTS MUST BE BONA FIDE MEMBERS OF A UNIT PARTICIPATING IN MIO, OVS, OR ONW WITHIN THE DESIGNATED AOE AS DEFINED IN PARA 2, OR MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: (1) BE ENGAGED IN DIRECT SUPPORT FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN THE AOE OR PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT IN THE AOE FOR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS; (2) BE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT, OR DUTY THAT IS EQUALLY HAZARDOUS AS COMBAT DUTY, DURING THE OPERATION WITH ARMED OPPOSITION, REGARDLESS OF TIME IN THE AOE; (3) PARTICIPATE AS A REGULARLY ASSIGNED CREW MEMBER OF AN AIRCRAFT FLYING INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE AOE IN SUPPORT OF MIO, OVS, OR ONW. DIRECT SUPPORT IS DEFINED AS SERVICES BEING SUPPLIED TO THE COMBAT FORCES IN AREA OF OPERATIONS BY GROUND, SEA, AND AIR UNITS PROVIDED IT ACTUALLY INVOLVES ENTERING THE AOE.

4. SERVICE MEMBERS WHO EARNED THE SOUTHWEST ASIA MEDAL (SWASM), WHICH TERMINATED 30 NOV 1995, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR THE AFEM AWARDED TO MIO, OVS OR OSW DURING THE SAME ASSIGNMENT MAY ELECT TO RECEIVE THE AFEM INSTEAD OF THE SWASM. SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN AN ASSIGNMENT THAT OVERLAPPED MAY NOT BE ISSUED OR WEAR BOTH MEDALS - SWASM & AFEM - (OR SERVICE RIBBONS) FOR SERVICE IN SOUTHWEST ASIA THEATER OF OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE MIO, OVS, AND OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH (OSW). THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ONW AS ONW DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL 1 JANUARY 1997.

5. PARTICIPANTS ARE ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE AFEM FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THESE IRAQ OPERATIONS MIO, OVS, ONW OR OSW. A 2ND AWARD OF THE AFEM IS ONLY AUTHORIZED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR NONCONSECUTIVE AND NONCONCURRENT ASSIGNMENTS IN TWO SEPARATE OPERATIONS THAT WERE AWARDED THE AFEM (E.G. 1ST FOR SOMALIA OPERATIONS AND 2ND FOR THESE FOUR IRAQ OPERATIONS) PROVIDED THE PARTICIPANTS MEET THE CRITERIA FOR EACH. MULTIPLE AWARDS OF THE AFEM FOR ASSIGNMENTS/ROTATIONS TO THE SAME OPERATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED (E.G. SOMALIA'S TWO OPS & IRAQ'S 4 OPS: MIO, OVS, ONW, AND OSW).

6. REQUESTS OR QUESTIONS ON ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD OF THE AFEM SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO USCENCOM (CCJ1-XPP) DSN 968-6608/09 FOR OSW, MIO AND OVS; AND USEUCOM(ECJ1-AAD)DSN 314-430-7169 FOR ONW.

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